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For: **WET-TYPE SEGMENTED FRICTION MATERIAL AND ITS  
MANUFACTURING METHOD**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
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Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,

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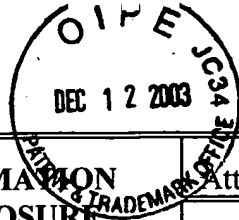
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